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The SUO Motu cognizance was taken principally because the news item reported that the patient was detained by the mental hospital on the ground that "since he was admitted via court order, we need a reverse order from the court to discharge him". The commission specifically wanted to know from the principal Secy "the legal procedure usually adopted" in such cases. The secretary to the govt informed by the letter dated 30 August 2017 that "usually.... Patient.... Is handed over to near relative after obtaining identity card of the patient and the relative and on establishing relationship between them... In the instant case, Ram Balak Yadav could not submit identity proof Hence hospital authority declined to hand over" the patient.

The report dated 22 April 2019 prepared by the IC Newtown PS goes to show that the patient was released on 21 July 2017 and the learned CJM directed on 2 August 2017 that "further proceedings of this case in view of the aforesaid report is stopped"

The matter is accordingly disposed of. Let it be uploaded in the website.

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta) Chairperson.

(Naparajit Mukherjee)

Member